

## House Resolution No. 2233

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who bring honor and glory to themselves and to this great state through the excellent nature of their diverse endeavors; and

**Whereas**, Lucretia Story Craw has attained distinction as an author, educator, and historian who recently celebrated the publication of her latest work, The Bennings and Lewises of Clark County, Missouri, with a book signing at Sever Library in Kahoka on Monday, April 7, 2003; and

**Whereas**, a work of historical fiction, The Bennings and Lewises of Clark County, Missouri attracts younger readers through the artful telling of true tales of the Bennings and Lewis families as they experienced life in Kentucky, migration northwest to Missouri's Clark County, and events of the Civil War; and

**Whereas**, utilizing real characters and places, Lucretia Craw weaves a fine story in The Bennings and Lewises of Clark County, Missouri by supplying conversations and thoughts from her own creative imagination; and

**Whereas**, Lucretia Craw reenacts the Mrs. Benning character during activities at Historic Athens and is a retired teacher who began her career in Kahoka, where she taught sixth grade; and

**Whereas**, after Kahoka, Lucretia Craw worked in Keokuk, entered school administration as a principal in Galesburg, Illinois, left teaching for work with Scott Foresman Publishing Company to demonstrate teaching using the "Dick, Jane, and Sally" books for kindergarten through twelfth-grade classes in Iowa, served as Assistant Professor of Education at Drake University in Des Moines and as an English Language Art Consultant in Ames, Iowa, and returned to Keokuk as the Language Arts Coordinator until her retirement in 1980:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, ongoing literary career developed by Lucretia Craw down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations at the publication of her latest book, The Bennings and Lewises of Clark County, Missouri, and our best wishes for future success; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lucretia Story Craw of Wayland, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2233, adopted April 28, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker